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(c) whether the Government have taken medical opinion on the question whether the continuance of such a person as Matron is in the interests of the health of the students and, if so, what that opinion is?

A.—The Government will call for a report.

Number of residents in the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane.

*348 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total number of residents in the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane;

(b) how many are Brahmans, Non-Brahmans and Adi-Dravidas;

(c) whether it is a fact that the hostel was first opened only for Brahmans;

(d) if so, when it was thrown open to members of other communities;

(e) whether it is a fact that though it is open to Non-Brahmans, Non-Brahmans are often denied admission and whether there have also been complaints that Non-Brahmans when admitted are treated badly;

(f) if the Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for a report on this matter;

(g) how long the present Superintendent has been in charge of this hostel and how many Brahman and Non-Brahman students have been residents during these years; and

(h) whether the Government will consider the desirability of appointing a Non-Brahman lady of enlightened views as Superintendent of this Hostel?

A.—(a) *to* (g) The information is not available but will be called for.

(h) The suggestion will be considered.

Opening of the Sarada Ladies' Home, Triplicane.

*349 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of the Ice House Hostel has opened privately a similar hostel in Triplicane called the Sarada Ladies' Home;

(b) if so, whether she obtained the permission of the Government to do so;

(c) whether the Government gives her a grant or proposes to give one to run the institution;

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, how much the grant is;

(e) whether there is a necessity to have this Home, and, if so, the reasons for the proposal to close the Ice House Hostel; and

(f) whether the Government are aware that the Sarada Ladies' Home is run entirely by the members of the family of the Superintendent of the Ice House Hostel?